

Rejections

The Examiner has rejected the claim of this patent application under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 5,666,157.

In response to this rejection, Applicant has filed herewith a terminal disclaimer, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Applicant is concurrently filing an Assignment , under separate cover, executed by the Applicant which assigns the present patent application to Arc, Inc. In view of this Assignment, U.S. Patent No. 5,666,157 and the present application are co-owned by Arc, Inc.

Applicant disclaims, except as provided in the Terminal Disclaimer, the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 5,666,157. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection of claim 1. This rejection should be withdrawn.

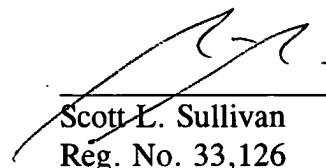
Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement that the claim of the present application is allowable over the prior art. of record, including: U.S. Patents: 5,666,157; 5,091,780; and 5,283,644.

The requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.321 is included with this amendment to cover the cost of filing a terminal disclaimer. Also, a petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed with this amendment, including its requisite fee.

Based on the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, amendments made to the claim, and remarks, the claim is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

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